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VULCANIZING RUBBER HOSE

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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

Applicants respond to the final office action mailed March 20, 2003. A copy of
25 the claims presently being prosecuted in the application together with their status follows
hereinbelow. Claims 3, 9, 11-13, 17-20, 25-30, and 33-36 are pending in the application.

Please amend claims 3, 9, 30, 33, 35, and 36.

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 32, 38, 41 and 42 without prejudice.

Claims 25-29 were allowed and claims 9, 13, 18-20, 33 and 34 were objected to.

30 Claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 14-16, 21-24, 31, 37 and 43-47 have been withdrawn from
consideration. It is believed that some of these claims, in particular, at least the product
by process claims may and should be properly rejoined. If a process is patentable, then

the product (cls 21-24, 31, and 37) made by that process is also patentable.